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1. OVER A YEAR AFTER THE CALL TO ORGANIZE AN URBAN MILITIA, CANTON'S MILITIA COMMAND WAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED DECEMBER 16. ACCORDING TO THE DECEMBER 17 SOUTHERN DAILY, THE COMMANDER OF THE MILITIA IS LIANG HSIANG, A REHABILITATED CADRE AND A CANTON PARTY SECRETARY, WHILE THE FIRST DEPUTY COMMANDER, SUNG WEN-YU, IS THE CANTON GARRISON COMMANDER. KWANGTUNG TRADE UNION CHIEF AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER LIANG CHIN-TANG IS LISTED THIRD IN THE MILITIA COMMAND STRUCTURE.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH RITUAL REFERENCE WAS MADE AT THE RALLY CELEBRATING THE MILITIA'S ESTABLISHMENT TO THE SHANGHAI MODEL (I.E TOTAL CIVILIAN CONTROL OVER THE MILITIA), THE HIGHLY VISIBLE PLA PRESENCE AT THE RALLY COUPLED WITH
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THE GARRISON COMMANDER'S MILITIA POSITION INDICATES

ANOTHER COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE PLA ON THE
ISSUE OF MILITIA CONTROL.
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